

5. Like the spokes of a wheel,
none (of you) are
inferior (to the rest), but equal as
days (of like dura-
tion) : the sons of PRISNI are born
all alike, none
inferior in splendour: rapid in
speed, the MARUTS, of
their own free favour, send down
(the rains),

6. When, MABUTS, you come with
stout-axled cars
drawn by spotted steeds, then the
waters descend, the
forests are damaged, and the bright
showerer (of the
rain)', influenced by the solar rays,
may emit a down-
ward sound.¹

7. On their approach, the earth
becomes capable of
fertility, and they deposit in her
water as their germ,
as the husband generates the
embryo of the child: they
have harnessed their horses fleet as
the wind: the sons
of RDDRA have emitted their
perspiration,² (the rain).

8. Ho, MARUTS, leaders (of rites),
be propitious to
us, you who are infinitely opulent,
immortal, shedders
of rain, renowned for truth, wise,
young, greatly glo-
rified, and worshipped with copious
oblations.³

STIKTA III. (LIX.)

Deities and *Jlīshi* as before; the metre is *Jagati*,
except in the
last verse, in which it is *Trīṣṭubh*.

1. The priest⁴ glorifies you,
MARUTS, for the good

¹ *Avosriyo vrishdbkak krandatu dyauh: dyaur—*
vriskabfiah,
mean, it is said, the shining showerer, that ie,
Parjanya, or
Irlm, in that capacity, *iwr/yaA*, in connection with
tiaeusrd or
rays of the sun, *amkrandatv*, *avdnmukham*
tabdayatu, may
sound with his face turned downwards,
vrisktyartkam, for the
sake of rain.

* *Stoedam ncedasthndiyam, varaham*, rain in place
of per-
spiratfon.

³ Repealed from the last verse of the preceding
SMtta.

⁴ *Spas*, iiom. *spat*, for *sprathtd*, one who touches

the oblation,
or the fire, an unusual term for *thefotri*.